

REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the office action mailed on May 19, 2003. In the office action, the terminal disclaimer was not accepted because the undersign did not appear on the original power of attorney form for this application. A new terminal disclaimer executed by the undersigned and an associate power of attorney is submitted herewith. Therefore, applicants respectfully submit that the double-patenting rejection has been traversed.

The Patent Office also acknowledges that the prior rejection made under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) has also been traversed in view of the submission of the translation for the Korean priority document no. KR 2000-34103.

Next, the office action rejects claims 1-3 and 8-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,159,655 ("Sato"). While the lengthy Sato patent discloses a number of photoresist compositions, no combination of the formulas set forth in Sato teach or suggest the photoresist polymer of Formula 1 as presented in amended claims 1 and 4 or Formula 3 as presented in claims 4 and 7. Specifically, Sato does not teach or suggest the monomer units "b," "d" and "e" on a common backbone with the other monomer units required by Formulas 1 or 3. In fact, Sato does not teach or suggest monomer units "b," "d" or "e" at all.

Accordingly, in view of the amendment to claim 1, applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 1-3 and 8-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable in view of Sato is improper and should be withdrawn.

Further, because generic claim 1 is allowable, applicants respectfully submit that process claims 4-6 and 14-20 should be rejoined in the case. Further, because Formula 3 is clearly allowable over Sato, applicants respectfully submit that claim 7 should be rejoined in the case. Finally, because claim 1 is clearly allowable, applicants respectfully submit that dependent claims 8-13 should also be rejoined in the case.

An early action indicating the allowability of this application is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

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